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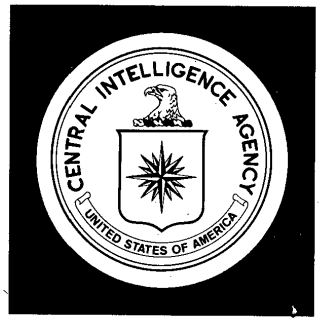

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EGYPT

President Sadat [redacted] 25X1
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about Middle East peace negotiations [redacted] 25X1
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[redacted] Sadat [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] expects the US to reach a decision on how 25X1
to proceed after the meeting in Washington this week
with Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

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fidence in the US desire to expedite a settlement.
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currently "very promising."

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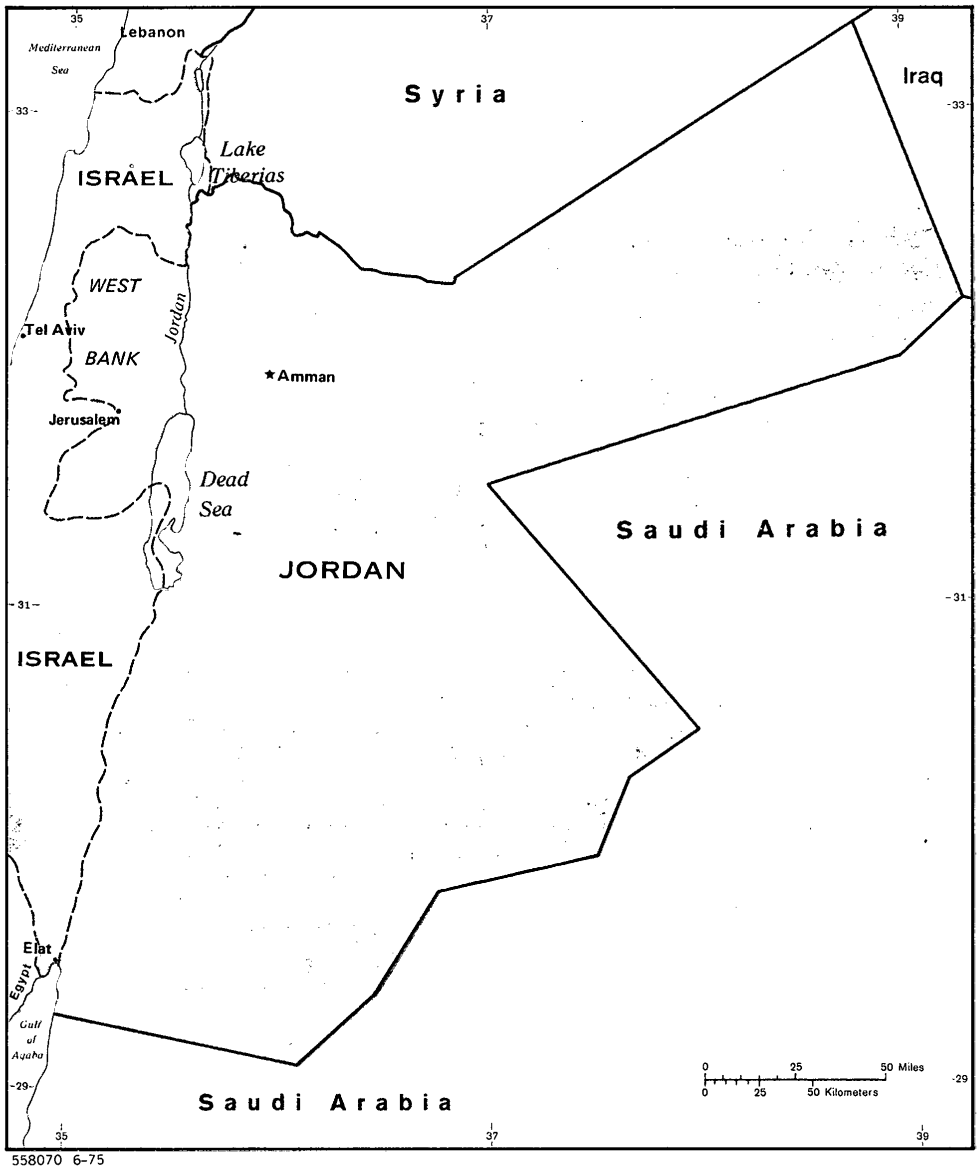

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PORTUGAL

Portuguese military authorities in the Azores are tightening security measures to prevent demonstrations similar to the one held last week. Arrests of suspected separatist leaders are continuing.

No demonstrations have been held this week [redacted] 25X1

Pro-Azorean officers in the islands are increasingly anxious over their positions because of pressure from Lisbon. The military governor, the police chief, and a battalion commander have been harshly criticized by the Communist-dominated Lisbon press. Senior officers face the choice of implementing policies which they find distasteful or casting their lot with the separatists.

For the time being, the separatist movement seems to represent an irritant rather than a threat to Lisbon, and there is little support among the Azoreans for armed insurrection. This picture could change, however, if local commanders should decide to support the separatist movement. Their inclination to take this action could be increased by the Portuguese government's difficulties in responding to last week's demonstration. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1 two companies of military police refused to obey orders transferring them to the Azores and that only a small detachment was eventually sent.

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INDIA

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi apparently will not resign despite the finding of a state court that she was guilty of corrupt practices in the 1971 election and is thereby barred from holding public office for six years. Even if the decision is subsequently overturned by India's Supreme Court, Mrs. Gandhi's prestige has been damaged and her influence within the Congress Party reduced.

Following the announcement of its decision, the state court granted Mrs. Gandhi a 20-day stay, allowing her to remain in office while she seeks a reversal of the decision. Her appeal to the Supreme Court probably will include a request for an extension of the stay until a final decision is rendered, possibly in a month or two.

Mrs. Gandhi appears to have a good chance of receiving a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court. She has appointed all 14 judges on the court, and she by-passed traditional seniority practices two years ago in naming the chief justice. On occasion, the court has shown a willingness to rule against the government, but informed opinion in New Delhi believes it unlikely that the court would deliver a negative verdict on such a crucial matter as Mrs. Gandhi's political future.

Mrs. Gandhi apparently will not resign pending a final decision, partly because an interim prime minister--most likely a senior cabinet officer--might be reluctant to turn the post back to her. There is no indication so far of pressure within the Congress Party for her resignation; in a public statement issued yesterday senior cabinet members reaffirmed their loyalty. Most of the opposition parties, however, are clamoring for her to step down.

Whatever the Supreme Court's ruling, the opposition is likely to make corruption in government a major campaign issue as the nation moves toward a general election sometime within the next eight months.

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NOTES

The 22-day visit of Somalia's *Secretary of Defense General Samantar to the* USSR *last month may have begun to show results.* 25X1

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Saudi Arabia [redacted] Jordan's 25X1

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A high-ranking Cambodian *delegation apparently arrived in* North Vietnam *yesterday.*

Overlapping claims to offshore islands and continued clashes between Cambodian and Vietnamese troops along the mainland border are certain to be on the agenda. Although incidents on the mainland have been increasing, they appear the result of confusion over the delineation of the boundary rather than attempts to annex additional territory. Conflicting claims to offshore islands will probably be far more difficult to resolve.

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